

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING ANN WHITLEY FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

#### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ann Whitley for her 25 years of service as the linchpin of the California Republican Party and thank her for working so tirelessly to make it possible for California Republicans to paint their principles in bold colors.

Ann has devoted her life to the advancement of these principles. She has been a precinct captain, led volunteer drives, and served as President of the California Republican Women Federated.

As Director of Membership for the California Republican Party, Ann has managed relationships with more than 2,000 members of the Republican State Central Committee. In this role, she has served as the liaison to 58 county chairmen, as well as to federal, state, and local Republican legislators. Ann has also been actively involved in recruiting new volunteers for the party and has organized numerous get-out-the vote drives across California and coordinated the twice-yearly party conventions.

Ann is a courageous cancer survivor, who even in trying times remained loyal to the cause of freedom that inspired her throughout her life and became an institution to the party that upon Ann's retirement must fill a major void.

Mr. Speaker, the California Republican Party will continue to reap Ann Whitley's contributions for years to come, and I rise to express my profound gratitude for her tremendous service.

### HONORING PHYLLIS CURRIE ON HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS GENERAL MANAGER OF PASADENA WATER AND POWER

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Ms. Phyllis Currie. On April 30, 2015 Ms. Currie will retire from Pasadena Water and Power after a 30 year career with the City of Los Angeles.

Ms. Currie's commitment to the city of Pasadena, coupled with her business sense, people skills and personal integrity have added to Pasadena's Water and Power achievements during a transformative time in the energy industry. Many Californians have greatly benefited from her leadership and vision while at the helm of the utility.

Ms. Currie has served for 14 years as General Manager of a highly-regarded public

power utility providing reliable and affordable electricity and water to 81,500 consumers in southern California. Under Currie's leadership, Pasadena's Water and Power has been a leader in meeting its aggressive goal of 40% by 2020 of renewable energy and water conservation.

Prior to joining Pasadena Water and Power, Ms. Currie served as the Chief Financial Officer for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; Assistant City Administrative Officer overseeing development of the city's annual operating and capital budgets. She was Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Public Power Association (2012–2013), President of the California Municipal Utilities Association (2014), and President to the Southern California Public Power Authority (2005–2006) where she was a trusted advisor, ally and decision maker on numerous capital projects and policies that come before the organization.

In her many leadership positions in the public power community, Ms. Currie testified often before Congress, and helped inform legislators of public power's positions on issues ranging from reallocation of power from Hoover Dam to electric reliability. Ms. Currie's credibility and vast knowledge helped guide federal policymakers on many important energy issues.

In the 111th and 112th Congresses, Ms. Currie testified in the House of Representatives and in the Senate in support of the "Hoover Power Allocation Act"—a bill to re-allocate hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, to Pasadena and numerous other cities, Indian Tribes, agencies, and others in California, Arizona and Nevada. The legislation was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama in December, 2011. Through this effort, Currie and her colleagues, assisted consumers in Pasadena and other southern California cities, in securing a low-cost and emissions-free hydropower supply for another 50 years.

My personal and professional respect and admiration for Ms. Currie run deep, and as her friend, colleague and a fellow Californian, I wish her happiness and good health in her future endeavors.

Thank you for your service, Phyllis.

### A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS ALOMES AND THE UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, each year congressional offices host Australian college students as interns with the Uni-Capitol program. It gives them the opportunity to learn about the American democratic and legislative process as well as see how the Congress functions on a firsthand basis.

My office is taking part in it right now, along with others in Congress. Some of Australia's

brightest are here, pursuing knowledge and understanding. In so doing, we are forging bonds that will last even after they have returned to Australia.

The Uni-Capitol program was born of the efforts of Eric Federer. Eric worked for more than a decade in the House and the Senate as a senior adviser. While doing this job, he lectured across Australia on American government, politics, and news media. In an effort to forge ties across the Pacific and for the betterment of both societies, Eric put together this idea in Washington in 1999.

The selection process for the students is competitive and intellectually rigorous, ensuring the highest quality applicant. Thomas Alomes of Monash University, my office's 2015 intern, surely reflects this. All participating students are comprehensively matched with a congressional office and corresponding position. They come from a wide range of academic disciplines and bring as much knowledge and understanding to our offices as they take away.

Over the two months of their internship, Mr. Federer's students have approached this opportunity with enthusiasm. Thomas has been an excellent addition to my office, producing well-written and high-quality work including memos on Civil Asset Forfeiture, the Authorization for Use of Military Force, and national security law. He has become a valued member of the team and taught us about the many commonalities between our two countries. While in Washington, DC, he has had the opportunity to learn from a wide range of officials from the Australian embassy, the DC media, and the White House. Now at the end of his internship, he can navigate the historic hallways of the Capitol like a pro.

Australia continues to be one of America's strongest allies. Our greatest gift is the friendship born of shared values. I thank the Uni-Capitol Program and Thomas Alomes for their hard work, and I wish the program and Tom continued success in the future.

### RECOGNIZING CALVIN GREENE

#### HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 76 years of service that Calvin Greene has given to Bart Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Calvin has lived his entire life in Bart Township, having grown up on a farm that has belonged to his family since 1832. He spent his career doing what he loved: farming. He ran his farm as a dairy farm, milking cows until 1997 before crop farming. He retired in 2008. Calvin's farm won the 2014 Conservation Award from the Lancaster County Conservation District in recognition of his farm's commitment to preserving our environment.

Calvin has been a dedicated servant of his community, serving on the Bart Township

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